

# Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

## Jobless rates up in 120 counties from March 2008 to March 2009

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EDITOR'S NOTE: March's preliminary and February's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/Mar09charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Unemployment rates rose in all 120 Kentucky counties between March 2008 and March 2009, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Fayette County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 7.4 percent. It was followed by Woodford County, 7.7 percent; McCracken and Oldham counties, 8.1 percent each; Calloway County, 8.2 percent; Boyd County, 8.3 percent; Pike County, 8.5 percent; Jessamine County, 8.8 percent; and Franklin and Rowan counties, 8.9 percent each.

Menifee County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 18.1 percent. It was followed by Bath County, 17.7 percent; Jackson County, 16.8 percent; Magoffin County, 16.5 percent; Powell County, 15.6 percent; Cumberland County, 15.4 percent; Trigg County, 15.3 percent; Butler County, 15.2 percent; Lewis County, 15 percent; and Wayne County, 14.8 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do

not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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